HOUSE RESOLUTION 7001

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Reverend Stephen
Rutherford and Karen Rutherford upon thirty
years of service to the Greeneville First Church
of the Nazarene.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Stephen Rutherford and his wife, Karen, are two such stalwart servants of the Lord who have rendered thirty years of faithful, selfless, and effective pastoral leadership to the Greeneville First Church of the Nazarene; and

WHEREAS, the faithful membership of this fine congregation will be honoring the Reverend and Mrs. Rutherford on January 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend and Mrs. Rutherford exemplify the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout their estimable careers as religious leaders and humble servants of God, the Reverend and Mrs. Rutherford have demonstrated the utmost compassion, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of their friends, their family, and the many and diverse members of their congregation at the Greeneville First Church of the Nazarene; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to the Reverend Stephen and Mrs. Karen Rutherford our heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate thirty years of vibrant pastorate at Greeneville First Church of the Nazarene, commend them for

their many years of honorable service and spiritual inspiration to their congregation, Greene County, these United States, and the entire world, and wish them every continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

- 2 - 01202151